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Transformation of plant tissue such as *Zea mays* for example, can be achieved by sonication of callus tissue culture. Callus tissue was produced as follows. Ears of corn were harvested 18 days after silking and surface sterilized in 50% v/v bleach for 20 minutes followed by three washings with sterile distilled water. Immature embryos ranging in size from 2 to 4 mm were harvested from the kernels. Embryos were placed on MSD_{1.5} medium (2% sucrose, 1X MS macronutrient and micronutrient salts, 1X MS vitamins, 1.5 mg / L 2,4-D, 0.8% agar, pH 5.8) scutellum side up. Embryos were incubated at 26-28 °C in the dark. Friable callus from 2 week old cultures were transferred to fresh MSD_{1.5} medium and further incubated at 26-28 °C in the dark. Friable callus was subcultured to fresh MSD_{1.5} medium every 21 days.

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ABSTRACT

The invention provides compositions and methods for regulating the expression of nucleotide sequence of interest in a plant. Compositions include a novel nucleotide sequence comprising a promoter for the hydroxypyruvate reductase gene. Methods for expressing a nucleotide sequence of interest in a plant using the promoter sequences disclosed herein is provided. The method comprises stably incorporating into the genome of a plant cell a nucleotide sequence operably linked to the promoter of the present invention and regenerating a stably transformed plant that expresses the nucleotide sequence..